



Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 23

Breakfast Mixer
from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
What Businesses Can Do About
Rising Energy Costs, and how
PEPCO can help
- Sponsored by PEPCO
Holiday Park Multi-Service Center
3950 Ferrara Drive
Wheaton, MD 20906
\$5 in advance or \$10 at door

Sunday, July 27

5th Ann. Jazz Festival on the Lawn
- LIVE FROM New Creation Church
from 2:30 until 6:30 p.m.
11005 Dayton Street
Wheaton, MD 20902
Admission \$20 - Bring chairs or
blankets to sit in the grass
see www.newcreationwheaton.org -
- Tickets can be purchased online
at www.instantseats.com

Thursday, August 14

Chamber Networking Lunch
from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
at Ferdinand's Restaurant
11300 Fern Street
Wheaton, MD 20902
- Each pays for own lunch order
RSVP to Maureen Carrington
301-651-3257 / fax 301-576-4511
maureen@TheRefiLady.com

2nd & 4th Fridays, July-Aug.

Downtown Wheaton Presents...
TGIF Summer Concert Series
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free admission
7/25: The Nighthawks
8/8: The Mustangs
8/22: Deborah Bond
in the Wheaton Triangle, corner of
Grandview Ave and Reddie Drive
Call Sidney Cooper: 240-777-8106

through Sunday, Sept. 21

WINGS OF FANCY—Live Butterfly
Exhibit!
Asian, Costa Rican and North
American butterflies
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily
in the South Conservatory
at Brookside Gardens
1800 Glenallan Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
\$5.00 adults; \$4.00 ages 3-12
Call 301-962-1453 for info or see
www.brooksidegardens.org.

July–August 2008

'Rescue a Single Life and You Rescue the World' Mural in Downtown Wheaton

Have you seen the new mural in Wheaton? Check out the side of the Banagricola Bank building at the top end of Lot 13 in the Wheaton Triangle. This mural was designed and painted by the



South Facing wall of Banagricola Bank before and after mural in downtown Wheaton parking lot; corner of Grandview and Ennalls Avenues.

children, families, and staff of the Evergreen School, a Montessori School that serves children from ages 2-1/2 to 12 years of age. Its theme "Rescue a Single Life and You Rescue the World," was agreed upon after the students visited and toured the Wheaton Rescue Squad.

Marcia Jacques, the Head of Evergreen School, points out that children learn about the world and what it means to be a productive citizen through such community service and outreach projects. In this case, our students had an opportunity to beautify a spot in the heart of their community while creating a message worth sharing with the community and the



Mural photos courtesy of Evergreen School

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Montgomery County Council Members Report on the FY09 Budget

Montgomery County Councilmembers Marc Elrich and Valerie Ervin reported on what was and what was not in the Montgomery County FY09 Budget for Wheaton & Kensington at the June 25 Evening Mixer at PJ Rice Bistro. Councilmembers Elrich and Ervin said that they protected public safety and health & human services. They also fought off cuts to the police force and fire departments.

The County Council unanimously approved a \$4.3 Billion Operating Budget for FY 2009, which began July 1. In a budget year complicated by a slowing economy, the Council agreed on a budget that protects core services, keeps the property tax rate unchanged and includes a \$579 property tax credit for owner-occupants of principal

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Kensington Shopping Center Storefronts to be Renovated



Courtesy of MV+A Architects

Located at the corner of Knowles and Connecticut Avenues, the Kensington Shopping Center will be renovated by Bethesda-based MV+A Architects. Construction could begin in August and be finished by the end of the holiday season in December.

Home to Hardware City, Continental Pizza, audio-video store Soundworks, and others, the shopping center has been criticized in recent years because of its appearance, which some say looks dated and unattractive. Some residents and council members hoped for more than a facelift on the storefronts.

But it would take a large sum of money to redevelop, and it's not something the owners are willing to pursue now. The three owners are hesitant to redevelop the property because they earn their living off the rent from the five tenants.

Two buildings on the property will have faded blue paint replaced with a red brick and tan stucco façade. Handrails will be installed on the narrow sidewalk between the Connecticut Ave. storefronts and the busy highway to increase safety in an area with a potential tripping hazard.

Town council members are working with the state to narrow Connecticut Ave. at that intersection to make it more pedestrian friendly. Any changes would be reversible for future needs.

Source: The Gazette

New Kensington Town Council Members Sworn In

New council members Sean McMullen and John Thompson were sworn into office after an uncontested election in June. Mayor Peter Fosselman was also uncontested in his run for a second term.

After the swearing in, the Kensington Town Council voted to change the dates of meetings, and switched from assigning committees to areas of interest. The next meetings will take place at 7 p.m., July 28 and August 11, at the Town Hall in Kensington.

Photo from The Gazette website

Executive Committee

President

Moshe Briel, Moshe Briel
Associates LLC 301-801-1972

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Maureen Carrington,
The RefiLady 301-651-3257

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301-933-1222

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Wheaton 301-949-6585

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Dept. 301-929-8000

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Duncan Smith, Westfield
Wheaton 301-942-3200

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Dollars and Sense

Your credit history is important!

Maintaining or improving your credit history is a great way to make sure that you are getting the lowest possible interest rates available – on credit cards, mortgages, car loans or a home equity line of credit (HELOC). The credit report is used to compute your credit score. The higher your credit scores, the better!

One of the issues with credit reports is that they may contain inaccurate data that is causing your score to drop. These inaccuracies can happen accidentally when somebody else's information with a nearly identical name or Social Security to yours is mistakenly entered on your report. Or they can happen when you are the victim of identity theft!

Identity theft is the term used when somebody applies for or uses your personal information to obtain or use credit fraudulently. The criminal can open accounts in your good name and run up large balances.

Obtaining a copy of your (and your spouse's) credit report is the best way to make sure that the information in the report is correct, and that there are no unauthorized uses of your credit. Thanks to Federal legislation in 2005, anybody can get one free copy of their credit report per year from each of the three main credit reporting agencies: Experian, Equifax and Trans Union. To get your free copy, visit <http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com> and follow the easy steps online.

AnnualCreditReport.com is the only site where you can get a truly free copy of your credit report. While you may see and hear advertisements about other sites that claim to you a free report, those other sites also make you join a credit monitoring service with a monthly fee. Don't fall for their ploy - There's a no-cost way to do your own credit monitoring!

Since each agency is required to allow you one free report per year, simply request a single report at a time at 4-month intervals. Here's an example of how you would do it. In September of 2008, log onto the AnnualCreditReport.com site and obtain a report from only one of the three agencies. In January of 2009, go back to the AnnualCreditReport.com site and order the report from a different agency. Then order the report again in May of 2009 from the last remaining agency. In September of 2009, go back to the first agency and repeat the process throughout the year.

When you get your reports, read through them to make sure that the information is correct. If you find mistakes or think you see unauthorized uses of your credit, contact the agency immediately to take care of it!

If you need help interpreting or fixing any mistakes on your credit report, please feel free to contact me. I have plenty of experience with getting incorrect information removed from the reports, and it won't cost you a penny for my help.

Maureen Carrington
"The Refinance Lady"
301-651-3257
maureen@TheRefiLady.com

Montgomery Housing Partnership – Backpacks to School Supplies Drive

For the past four years Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) has been running the Backpacks to School program to assist families with the purchase of school supplies for the upcoming school year. This year's goal is to include all the children in Pembroke Square Apartments and Amherst Square Apartments; both communities are located in the heart of Wheaton.

MHP is eager for your business' assistance. Here's how it works: MHP will provide boxes and posters for any business agreeing to be a drop-off point. The goal is to have the backpacks ready for distribution by mid August. MHP plans to work with The Gazette to get publicity for the program so that people know where to drop off supplies. This is a great opportunity to bring community members to your business.

We all know these are tough economic times for many families struggling to pay too high costs of fuels and groceries. There are many parents that will really appreciate your willingness to assist through these tough times. Let's make the first day of school a really special day for the children of our community.

Please contact Maureen Sweeney Smith at MHP
O: 301-946-0882 x 38 or C: 443-326-5474
msmith@MHPPartners.org

The 41st Kensington Labor Day Parade & Festival 2008

Monday, September 1, 2008

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

The festival features family entertainment including a parade, musicians and strolling entertainers, arts & crafts, refreshments, as well as special activities for children. The parade goes through town and ends at Antique Village on Howard Avenue. Festival activities will be located along Howard Avenue and Armory Avenue.

More information is available on the Labor Day Parade & Festival section of the Town of Kensington website www.tok.md.gov.

14th Annual Montgomery Art Association Kensington Labor Day Weekend Paint the Town Art Show and Sale

Saturday, August 30, Sunday, August 31
& Monday, September 1 at Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St.

The Montgomery Art Association and the Town of Kensington host Kensington's annual "Paint the Town" Juried Art Show and Sale every Labor Day weekend.

For the extra Plein Air Event on Saturday, artists paint in the open air at sites across the Town of Kensington and have their artwork judged and displayed that afternoon. Artists from all over the metropolitan area display a colorful array of paintings, drawings and sculpture all weekend.

Information about the event is posted on the Town of Kensington website www.tok.md.gov, and the Montgomery Art Association website www.montgomery.org, or contact Debra Halprin at 301-260-9701, halprinart@aol.com.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS!

Apartments

MetroPointe Apartments
Jennifer Moore
Property Manager
11175 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-933-4973
jmoore@bozzuto.com
www.MetroPointeApts.com

Business Equipment/MFP

Copiers/Wide Format
Copier Plus - Savin / Ricoh
Stephen J. Woollard
16830 Oakmont Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-332-9821
stevew@copierplus.com
www.copierplus.com

THANK YOU TO THESE MEMBER RENEWALS!

Accountants

John Watson, CPA
John Watson
301-933-6212

Sherwood Associates, Inc.
Nancy Sherwood
301-933-1222

Apartments

Inwood House
Meg Marshall
301-649-6595
www.inwoodhouse.org

Arts Organization

Montgomery Art Association
Sara Becker
301-216-0861
www.MontgomeryArt.org

Attorneys

Attorney at Law, Chartered
Harry B. Sewell, Jr.
301-949-4656
www.HarrySewell.com

Automotive Repair

Good Time Ol' Fashion Service
Craig Miller
301-949-0400
www.gtosinc.com

Business Consulting/Develop.

**LEDC Latino Economic
Development Corporation**
Manuel Hidalgo
202-588-5102
www.ledcdc.org

LEDC - Wheaton

Daniel Parra
240-777-4960
www.ledcdc.org

Cake & Candy Supplies

Little Bitts Shop
Bob & Ann Schilke
301-933-2733

Churches

First Baptist Church of Wheaton
Larry White
301-949-6585
www.fbcwonline.org

Employment Services/Workforce

MontgomeryWorks
Gerald F. Aldridge
301-929-6880
www.montgomeryworks.com

Montgomery College Workforce Development & Continuing Ed.

Kenneth Nelson
240-567-5516
www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce

Engineers

Jerry Thompson & Associates, Inc.
Kathleen Thompson
301-565-8000
www.jta-atc.com

Gardens/Parks

Brookside Gardens
Leslie McDermott
301-962-1427
www.brooksidegardens.org

Housing/Community

Jubilee Association of MD, Inc.
Tim Wiens
301-949-8628
www.jubileemd.org

Hospitals

Holy Cross Hospital
Eileen Cahill
301-754-7881
www.holycrosshealth.org

Music & Audio Systems

Washington Professional Systems
Brett Schneider
301-942-6800
www.wpsworld.com

Musical Instruments

**Chuck Levin's Washington Music
Center**
Robert Levin
301-946-8808
www.wmcworld.com

Newspapers

The Gazette
Jim Mannarino
301-670-2648
www.gazette.net

Spotlight on new Board Member Jim Onder

Jim Onder is a communications consultant for business, public safety agencies, professional or trade associations, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations on a variety of internal and external communication issues.

Jim provides consulting on conducting communication audits, roles and services of public information offices, integrating new communications technology, message management, spokespersons training, crisis communications management, media training and coaching, media briefings, and writing communication policies, plans and articles.

Jim was a college professor of communications at the University of Maryland. He has taught media relations for the Federal Graduate School for the past nine years. Jim Onder has a Ph.D. in communications, advertising and public health communication topics from the University of Michigan.

Jim Onder, Ph.D./ The Onder Communications Group
4202 Ambler Drive / Kensington, MD 20895
301-367-7023 / jimonder@hotmail.com

Spotlight on new Board Member Kalimah Matthews

Kalimah Matthews has always had a desire to serve her community. At her first job working for Rainier Bank in Washington State, she volunteered to be a rape relief counselor. She manned the Seattle Rape Relief hotline once a month. During her shift, she counseled rape victims, and when necessary, accompanied women who were attacked to the nearest police station as a victim's advocate.

Kalimah was born into a military family stationed in Great Britain. She arrived in the United States when she was 3 years old, and traveled often. After living in Washington State, California, Atlanta, and Philadelphia, her family settled in Maryland in 1988. She serves in various ministries at her church, most recently as kitchen staff at monthly church dinners.

Kalimah has worked for Signal Financial since November of 2006. As of June 1, 2008, she was promoted to the position of Manager of the Business Development Department. She oversees 3 employees and trains them to prospect and acquire new businesses to join Signal Financial.

As a board member of the Chamber, Kalimah intends to focus her energies on increasing membership in the chamber. The Chamber has a core membership of loyal and enthusiastic participants. The business acumen available to be shared is phenomenal. Kalimah is also interested in working on marketing initiatives. Her current position at Signal Financial has exposed a latent creative talent that will be strategically utilized by the Chamber. Kalimah Matthews / Signal Financial FCU / 301-933-9100.

MEMBER RENEWALS (CONT.)

Plumbing

R.L. Voight & Son, LLC
John L. Seymour
301-946-6100
www.rlvoight.com

Real Estate Development

Bozzuto Group
Toby Bozzuto
301-623-1516
www.bozzuto.com

Greenhill Realty Company

Leonard Greenberg
301-657-2525
www.greenhillcompanies.com

Shopping Centers

Westfield Wheaton
Duncan Smith
301-942-3200
www.westfield.com

Wheaton Shopping Center

David Aaronson
202-686-7200

(Correction from May-June List)
Veterinarians

Kindness Animal Hospital

Dr. Jeff Zolkiewicz
301-949-2511
www.KindnessHospital.com

Evening Mixer June 25, "What's in the FY09 County Budget for Wheaton & Kensington?" at PJ Rice Bistro in Westfield Wheaton Mall

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residences. The County's 3.1% increase in the tax-supported portion of the Budget is the lowest annual increase since FY 1997.



Photos courtesy of Vicky Sufles

When asked how they balanced the budget this year, Mr. Elrich said they limited capital spending, asked the school system to cut back their original request, then they raised taxes and used some of the reserve funds. He said they would not raise taxes or use reserve funds next year, so next year would be even more difficult.



Ms. Ervin reported that she made sure that the sector plan revisions for both Kensington and Wheaton moved forward. She said that part of those sector plan reviews will be looking at what happens along University Boulevard.



She invited Chamber members to make sure their voices were heard in these discussions.



They reported that LEDC would be receiving \$68,000 for their Local First Initiative, that Jubilee Association would be receiving \$50,000 for a new wheelchair lift-equipped van, and that Inwood House would receive an OTO grant for \$28,000 in the FY09 Budget.

In addition to stimulating conversation, the Chamber once again enjoyed the great Asian cuisine at PJ Rice Bistro, and the hospitality of Peter Sze, the owner. PJ Rice Bistro is located at 11160 Veirs Mill Road, #164 in Westfield Wheaton Mall, 301-933-8668.



LEDC - Latino Economic Development Corporation (Leading Economic Development in the Community) is offering classes at two locations:

- **SEMINAR:** How to start a business in Montgomery County Saturday, July 26 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Come to this Seminar to Get Smart on Licenses and Permits, Credit Building, Marketing, Business Plans, and Legal Structures! For pre-registration please contact Eric A. Aldrette at 240-777-4957. Venue: Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Bilingual, Free admission.
- **QuickBooks Classes Group I** - Starting on Friday, August 1 and ending Friday, August 22. Four weeks, eight classes in total; first and last class will be on Fridays, the other six classes will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Hours from 6:00 to 8:00pm.
- **QuickBooks Classes Group II** - Starting on Wednesday, September 3 and ending Monday, September 29. Mondays and Wednesdays; sessions for four weeks, eight classes in total. Hours from 6:00 to 8:00pm. **DUE TO THE HIGH DEMAND FOR THIS COURSE WE ARE NOW OFFERING THIS ADDITIONAL CLASS!**

For more information about either of the QuickBooks Classes, please contact Eric A. Aldrette at 240-777-4957. Venue: Gilchrist Center 11319 Elkin Street, Wheaton, MD 20902. Bilingual, Administrative fee: \$200 per person. Accepting checks or money orders, no cash.

Facing Foreclosure? Ask For Help!

More than half of those facing foreclosure never ask for help. Most foreclosures take three to six months, and the State Assembly has passed legislation requiring that the foreclosure timetable be lengthened from 15 days to 150. That means you've got some time to perhaps get things sorted out — provided you ask for help, that is.

Home Owners Preserving Equity (HOPE) is a state program that provides access to counseling services and resources for homeowners needing to refinance.

Help is also available from the **Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection** at 240-777-3636.

Home Owners Preserving Equity (HOPE)
www.mdhope.org

State Hotline: 1-877-462-7555

Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection:
240-777-3636

National hotline: 1-888-995-4673

Lunch Mixer May 28 – Entrepreneurs at the Wheaton Business Incubator

Over 40 people came to lunch at the Chamber's monthly mixer to learn more about the sponsor, the Wheaton Business Incubator.



John Korpela, Manager of Business Innovation Network for the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development spoke about the important role that incubators have throughout Mont. County, creating jobs and bringing economic vitality to the County.

Lori Gillen, Business Development Specialist, coordinated the County's efforts at the Wheaton Business Incubator (she has since left that position). WBIC provides office space and business development assistance to help emerging professional services companies in Montgomery County. She said 19 businesses are based at the Wheaton Center, that they employ about 100 employees and the companies are 90% women or minority owned.

Lori introduced some of the business owners who were in attendance. Businesses included a CPA firm, a financial planning company, an international conference and meeting planning company, a company that does long term care planning for families, a company that provides office cleaning services, a wine consulting company, a company that brokers professional staffing and a design and marketing company.

President Moshe Briel said the Chamber celebrates their work and efforts and encouraged



them to join the Chamber, so as to market their services to our members.

The roster of businesses at the Incubator: Bienes Raices/Global Realty; Class A Cleaning; Elan International; Encore-Home Helpers; GiraMondo Wine Ventures; JVR Communications; Kelea Professional Services; Loving Decisions; McKenzie Law Group; Mendoza & Co.; Nana Design; PBF Global Accounting; Solid Ground Financial Planning; Valens Marketing and Consulting; Vitality; Wise Comprehensive Solutions; Woodard & Associates Accounting; and Workplace Management Group.

Wheaton Business Innovation Center is in the Wheaton South Building at Westfield Wheaton Mall; 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 700, Wheaton, MD 20902.



Department of Economic Development
SMARTMontgomery.com



Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles and Jim Omer

Mural by Evergreen School Students in Downtown Wheaton

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world. The work began with lessons about mural painting and a visit from world renown muralist, Byron Peck.

It involved coordination with the Wheaton Redevelopment Program, part of the Mid-County Services Center under Montgomery County Government. It also involved working with the owner of the building; soliciting donations of paints and supplies from area businesses; conceptualizing, drawing on paper, and then transferring the design to the wall. And of course, many days (including weekends) of hard work. Bringing this project from idea to reality crossed many disciplines of study and involved many practical applications.

The School is planning an unveiling ceremony for the mural on Friday, September 12 in the afternoon. Watch for more information about this exciting event. The students of Evergreen School hope that the community will take their message to heart.



Chill-Out Summer Skates

When: Every Friday night through August

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 covers admission and skate rental

Looking for a cool place to be on a hot summer night? Ditch the mall, log off, get your peeps and come to Wheaton Ice Arena. Skate to excellent tunes by the light of the retro disco ball, have fun and stay cool - **all for just \$6!**

Wheaton Ice Arena
11717 Orebaugh Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-649-2250 (recording)
301-649-3640



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Suite 104
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13th ANNUAL TASTE OF WHEATON HIGHLIGHTS – 2008

In addition to the 22 restaurants, various businesses and county agencies offering services and information, there were two stages set up with live entertainment in the Wheaton Triangle area of downtown Wheaton for the annual festival.

The adult stage featured the music of Chopteeth, Joe Falero and the D.C. Latin Jazz All Stars, The Groove Killers and Lea; hosted by Denise Isaac from WZDC, the Telemundo affiliate of DC.

New this year was a second stage dedicated to children's entertainment including D.C.-based children's rock bands Rocknoceros and the Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, as well as magic from Tim Hall of D's Magic, who also hosted the children's stage.

In addition to the live entertainment, there were booths with face painting, balloon animals, magicians and children's rides. The event has become a way to showcase Wheaton's redevelopment and as one of the county's three state-designated arts and entertainment districts. Some of the restaurant booths with \$1 food specials were Hollywood East Café, Royal Mile Pub, Dunkin' Donuts, and Crisp & Juicy.



Photos courtesy of Vicky Suries and Jack Marshall

Lunch Anyone?

You are cordially invited to have lunch with other business professionals in the Wheaton & Kensington business community, usually on the second Thursday of each month. Typically lunch costs \$10- \$15 per person including gratuity. Don't forget to bring your 30-second elevator speech and business cards.

We will be meeting again on Thursday August 14, at Ferdinand's Restaurant, 11300 Fern Street, Wheaton, MD 20902, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. There will be a brief update on the Wheaton revitalization plan and we will discuss the idea of establishing lead partners within the Chamber. All networking events are posted on the Chamber's website in advance. Please contact Maureen Carrington, event coordinator, at 301-651-3257 to secure your spot by Tuesday, August 12. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The **Montgomery County Board of Elections** needs 4,000 volunteer election judges to staff almost 250 precincts during the November general election. To serve, a judge attends 3-hour training, helps set up the polling place the night before the election and serves on Election Day from 6 am – 11 pm. Most judges receive a stipend of \$180. Visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org to download a 2008 Election Judge Questionnaire, or call 240-777-8533 to request an application by mail. Fax the application to 240-777-8578.



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Breakfast Mixer

What Businesses Can Do About Rising Energy Costs, and how PEPCO can help

speaking: **Kim Watson, PEPCO VP of Maryland Affairs**

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Continental Breakfast • Mix & Network with Other Businesses and Organizations

Holiday Park Multi-Service Center has classes and seniors programs, special events, a Lunch dining room, community gardens, a Café and Gift Shop. There are also a wide array of resources and services offered, such as a legal aid bureau, a mobile post office, notary services, and energy assistance. Meet Carol Fuentesvilla, Center & Program Director and take a tour of the facility.

Cost is \$5 in advance (option for members only) or \$10 at the door

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For registration information

call: 301-949-0080

fax: 301-949-0081

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(Company Name)

(Attendee)

(Phone Number)

(Attendee)

(e-mail address)

(Attendee)

Our Chamber
Breakfast Mixers
are on the fourth
Wednesday of
each month.

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Check Cash Total Amount \$ _____ for _____ Reservations

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Run an Ad in the VOICE
 Business Card-Size Ad is just \$45*
 or
 Insert a Flyer for \$100*
 *Member rates

WINGS OF FANCY – Live Butterfly Exhibit!



Photo courtesy of Brookside Gardens

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 ~ LIVE FROM NEW CREATION CHURCH ~
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 11005 Dayton Street, Wheaton, MD 20902
 Admission is \$20
 Bring your blankets & picnic baskets for fun in the park.
 Refreshments, Door Prizes, Raffle, and much more
 Featuring Vocalists Janine Gilbert-Carter, Kim Mills, Rene Edwards,
 Anthony Compton and Mahalia Joseph, with Kendra Holt,
 Piano/Vocalist, Tony Martucci on Drums and Davis Marash on Bass.
 This is a fundraiser for New Creation's Building expansion. For
 more information, call 301-649-6000 or 301-942-6773.
 or visit the website www.newcreationwheaton.org. Tickets can be
 purchased online at www.instantseats.com. All are welcome.

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